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- 1. The Prefabrication Institute (Ustav prefabrikace), the experimental institute for prefabricated concrete units, under the Ministry of Construction, receives assignments for producing prototypes and for the planning of production in series of various prefabricated concrete units for domestic, industrial, and military construction. The requirements of domestic building companies, industrial enterprises, and the armed forces for expanding their present installations and carrying out new building projects are channeled through a liaison department of the Ministry of Construction to the institute. The latter plans the most rationalised and economical method for carrying out the project, using the maximum number of standard prefabricated units.
- 2. The offices of the Prefabrication Institute are located at V. Jame 7, Prague II. The institute, headed by a director and an assistant, comprises a planning department, a department for research and drafts, an accounts department, and archives. There is a staff of approximately 30 persons, consisting of about 15 civil and construction engineers, five architects, a chief accountant, clerks, typists, and a reception clerk who is also the telephone operator. He is a loyal Communist in charge of Party matters at the institute.
- 3. The institute operates a number of small experimental workshops, of which some are in minor factories producing building materials and others are attached to the 15 industrial enterprises engaged in large-scale production of prefabricated concrete units. Some of the latter are logated at:
 - a. Kladno, producing roof sections and stairs.
 - b. Gottwaldov, producing roof structures for factories.
 - Bratislava, producing various structures for industrial and military purposes.
 - d. Kosice
 - e. Presow.
- 4. The total number of persons employed by the institute both in its offices and experimental plants is about 600.
- 5. The plans for specific building projects prepared by the institute at the request

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of the Ministry are submitted to the latter which, after approval of the plans, assigns the production of the prefabricated units to one or more of the 15 factories. The factories work in close cooperation with the institute; experts from the institute frequently visit the factories, supervising and advising them on the production of the units planned by the institute.

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